"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

There were 34 Spring bulls that came off test Tuesday at Red House. These bulls will be offered for sale Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. These bulls will not be minimum priced – prices will be absolute. There will probably not be more than 25 bulls may be available. These bulls are about a year old and will be ready for use next winter. Now could be a good time to pick up a fine young bull.

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You can buy most anything. Last week an ad came across my desk offering long range weather forecasting. One month service is available for $40.00 or six months service for $175.00. I looked for a gurantee, but it wasn't to be found.

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At 50c fuel prices, the cost of a 200 mile round trip haul by tractor trailer has increased to 56c per mile in 1973 from 44c per mile in 1970, an increase of 28%. Increased fuel prices accounted for 44% of the 12c per mile increase. Since fuel costs are approximately ¼ of average cost per mile, each additional 4c in fuel price should only increase transportation costs by 1c per mile assuming other costs remain unchanged. These changes in costs are important to livestock producers.

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Sometimes we are overwhelmed with the size of cattle feedlots in the Southwest.

Its been calculated that a feedlot with 45,000 head will–

Require an investment of roughly $20,000,000.

Take an annual calf crop from 110,000 cows.

Use 99,000 pounds of feed daily.

Produce up to 90,000 fat cattle annually.

Yield 28,000 tons of carcass beef a year, and when you divide it up among 485,000 persons, that's 115 pounds, right near the national average for per capita beef consumption.

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We've suspected for some time that some species of white grubs may be developing resistance to chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides (Chlordane, dieldrin).

Field and laboratory studies in New York state confirm this suspicion.

We're going to recommend 2% diazinon granules at the rate of 6 pounds per 1000 square feet for grub injury in lawn areas.

Before treating remove the turf from several areas of the lawn. If you find 5 or more grubs per square foot you should treat.

Grubs normally are not distributed evenly in the sod because the females tend to congregate during the time of egg laying.

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2% granular diazinon is **no longer** labeled for use in vegetable gardens.

The alternative is to use 25% diazinon spray. Apply this material at the rate of 15 fluid ounces per 1000 square feet in sufficient water to obtain thorough application coverage.

Make the application to the soil surface as a broadcast spray prior to planting. Thoroughly mix the chemical into the top 4-8 inches of soil. This chemical cutworms, wireworms, root maggots and mole crickets.

This Week	0
Last Week	1.20
This Month	3.03
This Year	12.74

Complete Hike From Petersburg To Appomattox

Seventeen hikers completed a seven-day hike with their arrival in Appomattox on Monday morning.

The hikers, a group of 9th grade history students from Sandy Spring Friends School in Sandy Spring, Md., walked the route of Lee's Retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox in seven days. They walked by day and camped in tents at night.

The picture above was taken Monday morning on the steps at the McLean House at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park where the group was taken on tour by Chris Calkins and Paul Ghisto.

Barry Morley was director of the trip which was very educational for the seventeen students. A good way to travel during the "energy crisis," but it took lots of energy to make the trip and they were very pleased to reach their destination.

ASCS WILL MAN A FARM FUEL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

"Appomattox County Farmers who have been unable to find fuel for agricultural production through regular channels may contact the ASCS office," said James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee. "ASCS and the Federal Energy Office (FEO) will operate a triple-decker back-up system for farmers with fuel problems which cannot be resolved through procedures already available.

The first back-up solves problems quickly and simply. When a farmer comes to the office and reports that his distributor cannot supply fuel, ASCS will attempt to locate a fuel source.

"We will use the second back-up only when we cannot locate fuel locally," Ford continued. "Back-up two, ASCS contact either the State Energy Office or the Regional FEO in Philadelphia. The determination of which office will be contacted is dependent upon the type of problem and where it can best be resolved. The office contacted will then aid in obtaining the necessary fuel for agricultural production. FEO has set up special phone numbers at its regional offices for use in solving agricultural fuel problems."

"The third back-up phase provides quick communications with FEO through the national office," said Mr. Ford. In certain serious situations the county office will call the National FEO in Washington, D.C. from there, the information is forwarded to the Regional FEO by the opening of business the next day. The Regional FEO then has the responsibility to resolve the farm fuel problem.

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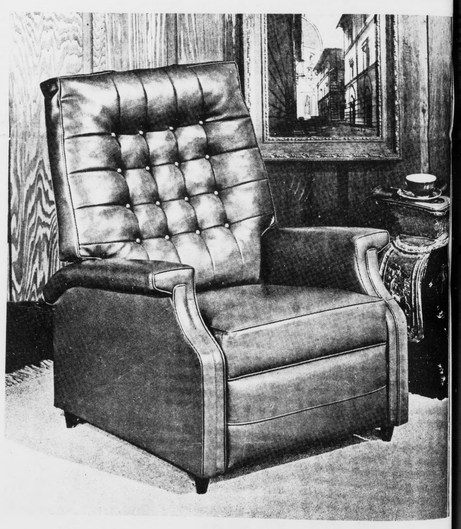

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PORK PICKIN'S
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Pork Producers

The Appomattox Pork Producers meet last Tuesday night. The group agreed to further back and assist 4-H and FFA members who want to show hogs in the Piedmont Market Hog Show in August. The group also discussed and agreed to make several changes in the By-Laws at their next regular meeting in May.

The Piedmont Pork Producers Market Hog Sale sold over 200 head of hogs on Monday at Farmville. This is the number of hogs needed each sale in order to locate more buyers and therefore, receive the top dollar.

The local hog markets as well as national markets continue under extreme pressure with larger numbers of hogs and a slowing down of demand. The Hog-Corn Ratio for this week was 11.7 as compared to 18.3 a year ago.

The president of American Farm Bureau Federation noted this week that the USDA market news service could serve both livestock producers and consumers by expanding its present reports to include daily reports of prices being paid by consumers for selected cuts of meat in five or six of the nation's major cities.

Such as report would help show when retail meat prices fail to reflect promptly major declines in live animal prices such as has been occurring over the past two and one-half months. He noted that many producers feel that retailers do not reflect lower prices paid for animals as quickly as they increase prices at the meat counter when live animal prices move up.

Calendar of Events
South Central Feeder Pig Sale
May 2, 1974
Farmville Livestock Mkt.
Feeder Pig Show
May 13th
Harrisonburg, Va.
Market Hog Tele-Auction
May 13th
Farmville Livestock Market

illness? Bacteria - - present everywhere - - can, under the right conditions of time and temperature, grow and contaminate food. When we eat those foods, we become ill.

"We've gone on picnics for years," says a homemaker "and never gotten sick." That's true for many families, but the possibility of illness is there. Good food safety practices can avoid trouble. And these same rules are a good idea at home too.

What are the recommended food safety rules for picnickers? First, that you make sure that those who prepare and serve picnic foods have clean hands - - washed with soap and hot water. And - that all equipment and utensils are clean. This prevents the spread of bacteria that can cause illness.

Next - - if you are carrying hot, cooked foods to the picnic, use an insulated bag or chest to transport the food. Keep it hot. Lukewarm cooked foods - - especially protein - type foods such as meats, poultry, fish, or eggs - - left standing on a picnic table in the summer sun are a perfect breeding ground for bacteria. Some foods should be kept cold . . . meats and poultry, for example . . . that are not going to be served hot. Or cream - filled desserts, potato salad, egg salad, milk products, and so on. Keep picnic sandwiches cold - - especially those with protein - type fillings - - to prevent harmful bacteria from growing and causing illness. Here again, there are insulated bags for this purpose. And - - ice, dry ice, and reusable cold packs. Use them.

In planning any picnic, consider how long you will be traveling to the picnic site and how long it will be before you eat.

Don't plan any picnic unless you can transport and serve a safe picnic meal.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Cherry Mold Salad
1 (1 lb.) can Bing Cherries
1 ¾ cups cherry juice and water
1 pkg. Cherry (black) flavored gelatin
½ cup sliced pimento olives
½ cup chopped nuts
⅞ cup chopped celery

Dissolve gelatin and liquid. Cool and then add other ingredients. Note: If you do not like the flavor of olives, you may substitute 1 small can crushed pineapple.

Crunchy Baked Pork Chops
¼ Cup margarine
4 Pork Chops
1 Egg
2 tbsp. milk
½ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1 Cup dehydrated potato flakes
½ cup granted Parmesan Cheese

Melt margarine in a 9-inch baking pan. Wash and dry pork chops. Combine egg, milk, salt and pepper. Mix potato flakes and Parmesan cheese. Dip pork chops in the milk mixture, then roll in potato flake mixture. Please in baking pan. Bake uncovered in a 400° oven for 15 minutes, then turn chops and bake another 15 minutes.

Stonewall

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Psalm 19:1.

What a lovely week end we had, hope every one got to go to the church of their choice.

Mrs. John Harrison is getting on fine, She is making plans to go to Texas to see their son Tom graduate on May 10. Here are hopes she has a safe trip.

Mrs. Hazel Gallespie was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant was afternoon visitors.

Mr. H. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert went to Buena Vista Sunday to visit his mother who has been sick.

Mr. Phil Harrison and Mr. Horace Phelps will take Mr. John Harrison to his class reunion this week end at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones Sunday evening to hear from Mrs. Orman Jones, who is in the hospital, having to have rescue squad take him at five o'clock Saturday morning. They were afraid he had a stroke. Doctors says he did not have a stroke. So will stay a few days for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judy spent the week end with her father Mr. J. O. Davidson. They are doing real good over there.

Mr. Jim Herndon is able to take a drive through the country side now.

Mrs. Eugene Cyrus is still suffer ing with hypotention.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurthur Dewey of Richmond spent week end with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Krantz.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler went to Lynchburg last Thursday to visit Mrs. Josh Alvis.

Big Catch - Big Bass

Tye Beasley, left above, and Freddie Mitchell, right above, proudly show the eight-pound bass caught by Tye on Sunday afternoon. The large-mouth bass was caught in a local pond.

The boys tell us they are anxious to get back to the same pond 'cause the one that got away was twice the size of this one . . .

Receives Defensive Driving Certificate

Monroe Dyess, Appomattox County Farm Bureau President, is shown above receiving a certificate for completing the 8-hour Defensive Driving Course on Thursday night. Presenting the certificate to Mr. Dyess was Mrs. Zeannette K. Roberts, instructor with the Virginia Highway Safety Division. Another instructor in the classes was G. T. Massie.

The Women's Committee of Farm Bureau sponsored the Defensive Driving Course in cooperation with the Virginia Association Women Highway Safety Leaders, Virginia Highway Safety Division.

CANAAN BAPTIST

Prayer Service Wednesday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Regular preaching service second Sunday, May 12th, 11:30 a.m. Rev. C. L. Elliott, pastor in charge. Come and enjoy this Mother's Day Worship us.

On May 19th - 3 p.m. The Ladie Club will celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Rev. C. L. Elliott will be the speaker and the Jordan Senior Choir will render the music. Please come and help us.

The Men's Club wish to thank each one that came Sunday April 28th and made their program a success.

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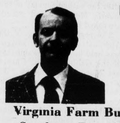

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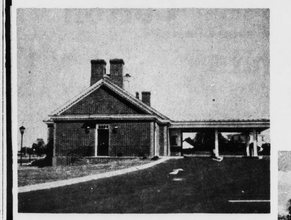

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